

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY & HEARING AIDS

Assistive Technology Equipment & Financial Loan Programs

Maryland Technology Assistance Program (MDTAP) – www.mdtap@mdtap.org

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To apply for monetary loan go to: www.mdtap@mdtap.org/cpcontent/at-loans.html

To request for equipment demonstration or to apply for short-term equipment loan – go to: www.mdtap@mdtap.org then click on – TAP Services. Click on Equipment Demo & Loan under menu listing.

MDTAP Office:

Central Maryland & Statewide

Workforce Technology Center (WTC) – Headquarters

Maryland Technology Assistance Program

2301 Argonne Drive, Rm T-17

Baltimore, MD 21218

410-554-9230 - Voice

800-832-4827 - Voice (Toll Free)

866-881-7488 - TTY

E-mail: mdtap@mdod.state.md.us

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Western Maryland & Statewide

Assistive Technology: Loans, Acquisitions, Services, and Training, Inc.

(AT:LAST, Inc.)

d.b.a Maryland A.T. Cooperative
7050 Oakland Mills Road, Suite 160
Columbia, MD 21046
410-381-2667 - Voice
866-928-5278 - Voice (Toll Free in Western Maryland)
410-381-2444 - Fax
E-mail: info@matcoop.org
Website: info@matcoop.org

Eastern Shore

Holly Community, Inc.

408 Coles Circle
P.O. Box 1489
Salisbury, MD 21802
443-260-0822 - Voice
877-511-0744 - Voice (Toll Free)
443-260-0833 - Fax
E-mail: info@hollycommunity.org
Website: www.hollycommunity.org

State Approved Vendor

Potomac Technology

One Church Street, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20850
800-433-2838 - Voice/TTY
301-762-1892 - Fax
E-mail: info@potomactech.com
Website: www.potomactech.com

Sells Text Telephones, Assistive Devices, Amplified Telephone, Wireless, TTYs, TTY-Voice Answering Machines, Signalers & Smoke Detectors, etc.

State, county and local government entities may purchase certain equipment from the DBM/TAM contract. Contact Director of TAM at 410-767-6960 (V/TTY) or 1-800-552-7724 (V/TTY) for additional information.

Other Vendors

There are many vendors, other than Potomac Technology, that sell TTY's and Assistive Listening Systems listed on the Internet. A few of the services with locations in Maryland are listed below:

Cardinal Sound & Communications

2317 Kansas Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
800-964-3496 - Voice (Toll Free)
301-589-3700 - Voice
301-589-4284 - Fax
E-mail: info@cardinalsound.us
Website: www.cardinalsound.biz

National Flashing Signal Systems (NFSS Communications)

1 Turnmore Court
Silver Spring, Maryland 20906
301-589-6670 - Voice
888-589-6670 - Voice (Toll Free)
301-589-5153 - Fax
E-mail: sales@nfss.com
Website: www.nfss.com

United TTY Sales and Service

21004 Brooke Knolls Road
Laytonsville, MD 20882
301-926-2365 - V/TTY in MD, DC and VA
866-889-4872 - V/TTY (Toll Free)
301-963-0785 - Fax for orders
E-mail: sales@unitedtty.com
Website: www.unitedtty.com

State Hearing Aid Loan Bank**Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)****Hearing Aid Loan Bank**

Paul Farrell, Director
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
410-767-0739 - Voice
800-535-0182 - Voice (Toll Free)
410-333-8165 - Fax
E-mail: pfarrell@msde.state.md.us

The Hearing Aid Loan Bank was created as a bridge between newborn hearing screening and early intervention. Its purpose is to provide infants and toddlers under the age of three years immediate access to hearing aids following confirmation of hearing loss by an audiologist. A six-month loan period may be granted to provide the parents, or legal guardians of infants and toddlers, adequate time to secure permanent amplification through personal resources, insurance, or community assistance programs.

Financial Assistance for Assistive Technology Devices & Hearing Aid Purchases

Check with your health insurance provider to see if full or partial coverage is available. In the event you have no coverage there are some additional resources available.

State

Headquarters

Maryland State Department of Education

Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)

Administrative Offices

2301 Argonne Drive

Baltimore, MD 21218-1696

410-554-9385 - Voice

888-554-0334 - Voice (Toll-Free)

410-554-9411 - TTY

410-554-9412 - Fax

E-mail: dors@dors.state.md.us

Website: www.dors.state.md.us

DORS prepares people with disabilities to go to work, to stay on the job, or remain independent in the home or community. Rehabilitation counselors in offices throughout Maryland provide or arrange for services that may include career counseling, assistive technology, vocational training and/or job placement assistance. Vocational Rehabilitation Services may provide hearing aids and assistive devices for qualifying adults who want to maintain current employment or who are seeking employment. Eligibility can be determined by meeting with a DORS Rehabilitation Specialist.

Go to: www.dors.state.md.us (on right-hand side, click on DORS Locations for an office near your home).

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Private

Better Hearing Institute

515 King Street, Suite 420

Alexandria, VA 22314

703-684-3391 - Voice

800-EAR-WELL (800-327-9355)

E-mail: mail@betterhearing.org

Website: www.betterhearing.org

Children of the Silent World

P.O. Box 2425

Cridersville, OH 45806

E-mail: silent@metroevents.com

Website: www.metroevents.com/silent

Assists low-income children with purchasing hearing aids.

Disabled Children's Relief Fund

P.O. Box 7420

Freeport, NY 11520

Website: <http://dcrf.com>

Provides disabled children with hearing aids and other assistive devices.

Easter Seals

230 West Monroe Street, Suite 1800

Chicago, IL 60606

312-726-6200 - Voice

800-221-6827 - Toll Free

312-726-4258 - TTY

312-726-1494 - Fax

Website: www.easter-seals.org

Over 400 local service centers with varying services; some assist low-income adults and children with hearing aids and other rehabilitative devices.

Hike Fund, Inc.

C/o Hike Board Secretary
10115 Cherryhill Place
Spring Hill, FL 34608-7116
352-688-2579 - Voice and Fax
E-mail: ceterrill1@aol.com
Website: www.thehikefund.org

Provides low-income children between 0-20 years with hearing aids and assistive devices.

Let Them Hear Foundation Insurance Advocacy Program

Headquarters
1900 University Avenue, Suite 101
E. Palo Alto, CA 94303
650-462-3143 - Voice
650-462-3144 - Fax
Website: www.letthemhear.org

Let Them Hear Foundation has a nationwide Insurance Advocacy Program to assist you in appealing the denial, free of charge. The specific services they provide appeal support with are: cochlear implants (single or bilateral), bone-Anchored Hearing Aid implantation, conventional hearing aids, atresia repair, microtia reconstruction, balance disorders, and other hearing related surgery.

Lions Club International

300 West 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842
E-mail: executiveservices@lionsclubs.org
Website: www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_hear.shtml

The Lions Club has an international hearing aid recycling program to promote the collection, refurbishing and distribution of donated hearing aids.

www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_hear_recyclepolicy.shtml

Miracle Ear Children's Fund

P.O. Box 59261
Minneapolis, MN 55459-0261
800-234-5422 - Toll Free
763-268-4295 - Fax
Website: www.mnplan.state.mn.us/star/program.html?Id=18
Website: www.miracle-ear.com/store/showstate.asp?state=MD for locations near your home.

This program provides new Miracle-Ear hearing aids to children who are 16 years old and under and in an income level (US residents earning \$20,000 to \$40,000 for a family of four) that does not allow them to be eligible to receive public support. Also, provides two hearing aids every 2 years if the applicant qualifies.

Optimists International Club

Help Them Hear Program

4494 Lindell Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63108

314-371-6000 - Voice

800-500-8130 - Toll Free

314-371-6006 - Fax

E-mail: programs@optimist.org

Website: www.optimist.org

Contact your local Optimists Club in Maryland – www.mdsdoptimist.org/Clubs.htm

Provides aids and services to hearing impaired youth.

Quota International

1420 21st Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036

202-331-9694 - Voice

202-331-4395 - Fax

E-mail: staff@quota.org

Website: www.quota.org

Assists low-income individuals with purchasing hearing aids

Sertoma International

1912 East Meyer Boulevard

Kansas City, MO 64132-9990

816-333-8300 - Voice

816-333-4320 - Fax

E-mail: infosertoma@sertoma.org

Website: www.sertoma.org

Assists low-income persons with purchasing hearing aids

Sertoma Hearing Aid Recycling Program (SHARP)

10720 Dimple Dell Drive

Sandy, Utah 84092-4835

801-495-2949 - Voice

888-495-2949 - Toll Free

Website: <http://www.sertoma.org/%5ESponsorships/SHARP.htm>

**Starkey Hearing Foundation
HEAR NOW Foundation**

6700 Washington Avenue, South

Eden Prairie, MN 55344

612-928-4648 - Voice

800-648-4327 - Toll Free

612-929-1318 - Fax

E-mail: contact_us@sotheworldmayhear.org

Website: www.sotheworldmayhear.org/home/index.php

This organization disseminates donated, reconditioned hearing aids or cochlear implants to low-income people with hearing impairments through their National Hearing Aid bank. Also, provides assistance for low-income children and families in purchasing hearing aids.

Starkey SoundChoice and CareCredit

901 East Cerritos Avenue

Anaheim, CA 92805

800-839-9078 - Toll Free

E-mail: info@carecredit.com

Website: www.soundchoicefinancing.com

Website: www.carecredit.com

CareCredit provides financing for the purchase of healthcare products and procedures, including hearing aids and accessories. CareCredit is the healthcare financing division for GE Consumer Finance division.

Travelers Protective Association Scholarship Trust for the Deaf and Near-Deaf

3755 Lindell Boulevard

St. Louis, MO 63108

314-371-0533 - Voice

Website: www.travelersprotectiveasn.com (on left-hand side, click on "Scholarship Trust")

Provides assistance for mechanical devices, medical care, and/or specialized education or treatment, to those who demonstrate financial need. (U.S. citizens only) Grants may be used to purchase hearing aids, assistive listening equipment, or may help with the cost of a cochlear implant.

Additional Resources

Many local civic clubs and organizations often contribute to the purchase of assistive technology devices and hearing aids by setting aside or raising money to help people with hearing loss obtain the equipment needed. These non-profit organizations often have specific mission statements that direct their activities and may target only certain types of

disabilities or age groups. Because chapter activities of individual groups vary, individuals who wish to pursue this potential funding avenue will find it beneficial to contact the group's national headquarters also. The civic clubs and organizations that are not listed above, such as the American Legions, Civitan International, Eagles Clubs, Elks Lodges, Jaycees, Kiwanis International, Knights of Columbus, Masons and Shriners, Moose Lodges and Rotary International may be able to provide financial assistance to purchase or acquire hearing aids and other assistive technology devices. Check your local phone directories or Chamber of Commerce for a listing of civic organizations in your area.

You might also be eligible for Veteran's benefits through the Veteran's Administration (VA). Contact your local VA center in Maryland through www.vamhcs.med.va.gov.

Other Resources

ABLEDATA

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 930

Silver Spring, MD 20910

800-277-0216 - Voice

301-608-8912 - TTY

301-608-8958 - Fax

E-mail: abledata@orcmacro.com

Website: www.abledata.com

ABLEDATA provides objective information on assistive technology and rehabilitation equipment available from domestic and international sources to consumers, organizations, professionals, and caregivers within the United States. ABLEDATA serves the nation's disability, rehabilitation, and senior communities.

Learning Independence Through Computers (LINC)

1001 Eastern Avenue, 3rd Floor

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

410-659-5462 - Voice

410-843-0219 - TTY

410-659-5472 - Fax

Website: www.linc.org

Learning Independence Through Computers (LINC) is a non-profit computer resource center that provides opportunities for people with disabilities, their families, professionals, and members of the business community to explore adaptive technology, computer systems, software, and the Internet.

TCS Associates

11410-P Georgia Avenue

Wheaton, MD 20902

302-942-9766 - Voice/TTY
301-942-9110 - Fax
E-mail: info@tcsassociates.com
Website: www.TCSassociates.com

TCS Associates provides a full range of AT products and services such as 508 consulting, ADA compliance assistance, products and training. GSA schedule (GS-35F-0512L), 8a, SDB, MBE certified.

State Regulator

Board of Audiologist, Hearing Aid Dispensers & Speech-Language Pathologists Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
410-764-4725 - Voice
877-463-3464 - Voice (Toll Free)
800-735-2258 - TTY (Toll Free)
410-358-0273 - Fax
E-mail: cosbyz@dhhm.state.md.us
Website: www.dhhm.state.md.us/boardsahs
Website: www.dhhm.state.md.us/boardsahs/consumerinfo